

without any curative qualities whatever—but because they are cheap and powerfully medicated. I have both used and prescribed them, and absolutely know that they will accomplish in a single day what the dull porous strengthening plaster does not do at all. The public are especially cautioned against worthless imitations under similar names, such as "Capaine," "Capacure," etc.

thinks chaperons, by all means, are the proper thing. In Germany young girls are not permitted to be alone with any gentleman until she is engaged to him, and she thinks the same surveillance should be exercised

...and looks on at the passing show, as do many others. He also wants to know by what old money-bags has come to look on him as a proper person to contribute to the pleasure of his daughter; he is not in love with her; he can not expect to marry her; and

memory was not clear on the subject, this part of the interesting question was left unsettled. The Court, however, came to the conclusion that the prisoner's minority at the time he committed the crime was established, and sentenced him to one year in the jail.

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at points, and also up the Illinois River.
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A NEW YEAR'S JOKE.

rest of Robert McGarragan, on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. The shooting

as being the lieutenant of Speaker Fox. A POST-DISPATCH reporter called on Mr. R. C. Fox—this

"You are quoted as saying that—"

Mr. L. M. Rumsey said: "This is the first time I have ever seen him with his order to set the dinner before him. This explanation was satisfactory and he was released. Wiley claims that

over this story, and I know that whoever has started it has done it to injure me. I could not think of sitting in a

make any money in gas just now, and, as far as I am concerned, I pronounce the story a d-d lie."

his bolstered conduct. He was fined \$25 and costs by Shea.

ance in violation of a city ordinance, was begun at 3 o'clock this afternoon in 'Squire Shea's court. No matter what the decision

these were proposed for an immediate solution of the gas question. There are few who believe that the House of Delegates will pass the bill without any amendments.

day evening. Several Councilmen who were asked about the matter this morning expressed the opinion that the

DAKOTA DEMOCRATS

any other national political character that I know of," said Capt. Henry J. King, a prominent

our country, and from the public utterances of late, upon matters pertaining to Dakota and the Sioux Reservation, it is apparent

ington, is wholly of Republican origin. The
Dakota Democrats are opposed to it

meeting: N. G. J. H. Dunlap, V. G., H. Mc-
Cracken; Secretary, W. E. Fisso; Permanent
Secretary, Chas. Milford; Treasurer, B. Van

Republican United States Senators and three Republican Representatives upon the

"Then the Democratic battle cry in Dakota

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the last regular annual meeting of the Catholic Knights of America: Sup.

and good homes on it. Our policy is to do away with the reservation entirely; place the Indians upon reservation and sell the rest of the land to the best bidder.

The present occupant is the editor of a Republican newspaper, and Capt. King looks for his

locked up in front of Heller's saloon, 113 North Third street, at 4:30 p. m. December

received a blow on the head, after which his

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profits realized from carrying on the work are taken away from the city, and in the present case there is the additional disadvantage that the city will in the future have to deal with a corporation which gets its life from the Standard Oil Company. The only consolation is that no foreign corporation could do more to hurt the welfare of the city than has been done by our home talent, and not even the Standard Oil Company is more odious to the public mind than the St. Louis Gas Company.

COMMUNISTIC TALK.

The Nineteenth Century Club of New York City recently held its third meeting of the season and discussed topics of current interest. Prof. THOMAS DAVIDSON, discussed upon the progress and history of human society, from the ancient Aryans to the present day. He contended that the ideal human community was exemplified in the township system established in New England after the landing of the Plymouth Pilgrims. "Here we have the missing social link—the return to the primitive village community of the ancient nations."

No man is really free who is compelled to sell his labor to another at auction, as it were," said another speaker. "About half the area of New York is vacant, and a man cannot build a house on it without paying a fine of \$5,000, or \$20,000, or \$100,000." This is simply the communistic way of stating that a man must buy a lot before he can build a house upon it.

The discussion was one of the signs which show the growth of agrarian and communistic ideas among thoughtful and cultured people. It is the old question over again: Is it best that the members of a human society should own property, or live together on the communal plan and hold all things in common? To a well-balanced mind the individual ownership of property would appear to be an axiomatic necessity. The economics of regulated society and stable government will never afford room for an organized communistic movement. The different conditions of the patriarchal times and the life of all nomadic tribes are adapted to a modified communal form of government. Likewise, when a band of colonists land in a wilderness—as in the case of the New England Pilgrims—their physical environment necessitates a temporary commune. The glaring inequalities of fortune that confront us on all sides have led some intelligent people to wish for a communistic order of things as a measure of absolute right and justice. A notable example of this class is HENRY GEORGE, whose vagaries, ingeniously presented, have converted some people to the theory of modified communism which he preaches; but the public expects better things of the Nineteenth Century Club.

DISCUSSING THE CURRENCY.

The signal gun of the battle over the currency in Congress has been fired by Senator BRUCE, and we may shortly expect both ends of the Capitol to be filled with the smoke of the combat. The opposing armies have gathered an appalling supply of ammunition in the way of statistics, documents, records, theories, views and other weapons of political economy, and as the lines have been clearly drawn and the opposing forces clearly defined, the general engagement may begin at any time.

Before that wordy war begins, however, it would be well if our statesmen could let us know what are the issues on which they propose to argue. Disputants who cannot agree upon a plain statement of facts are not likely to agree upon conclusions of argument. Yet even those who know nothing about the currency question know that the gold men and the silver men open their discussion by giving two irreconcilable statements of one fact.

One side says that the silver dollar is worth 100 cents, while the gold dollar is worth 100 cents. The other side says that the silver dollar is worth 100 cents, while the gold dollar is worth 100 cents.

Of course as long as the two parties, like SENATOR BRUCE and SENATOR FULTON, argue from different premises, there is no chance of their coming to an agreement. Debators who begin by contradicting each other's statements only get further apart by arguing. Instead of settling anything they merely add confusion to contradiction by everything they say. "The silver dollar is not a dollar," says one side. "The gold dollar is not a dollar," says the other. Then the list of contradictions lengthens. "The silver dollar is repudiation," "the gold dollar is extortion," "the silver dollar cheats the workingman," "the attempt to force a debased silver coinage on the country means ruin," "the attempt to degrade the national standard of value by debasing silver means ruin," and so on ad infinitum.

What is the use of such an argument? What sense is there in wasting words over theories of the currency and in debating over speculative consequences, when the talkers will not try to come to an agreement on a plain question of fact? There is going to be talk without end, Congress will be turned in a veritable cave of the winds; the Congressional Record will swell to the size of a library with the contributions of the statesmen. But all of them will ignore the facts that the gold dollar is a legal dollar and that the silver

dollar is a legal dollar, and that we have accordingly two standards of value which are themselves of different values, and neither of them can be abolished without inflicting injustice to valuable interests and disturbing to a certain extent the security and stability of financial transactions.

MEDICAL science is taking on a more Pastoral and poetic quality.

KING THERIAK made a good coupling-plot in the work of annexation.

THE dog-pound is recommended as the best preventive for hydrophobia.

BERNARD has been kidnapped according to the Anglo-Marmaduke process.

THE ghost of MOSES may have something to say about BOB EMMETT's inflated tonnage.

PREDICTING early home rule developments is like guessing at the direction of a rat hole in the ground.

It makes a Congressman feel small to be put on five or six committees and not get a single Chairmanship.

THE prohibitionists will not waste their time and talent on Dublin after the Irish Parliament meets.

W. H. VANDERBILT has taught millions how to draw up a will that cannot be broken without a solemn hammer.

THE 40,000 Republican Postmasters who are sent to the office of confirming the President's appointments.

THE Mugwumps might have consented to stand a distance and view Gov. HUNT's inauguration through opera glasses.

MONTANA wants to come into the Union. By counting in her sheep she can make the required showing as to population.

A VERMONT man has sold his wife for \$3, Vermont is determined to keep it from the people that she has just laid her first street-car track.

In Weimar, Germany, it is unlawful for a person to play a piano with the window raised. This may be a relief to the people on the street, but it is often severe on those in the house.

KING THERIAK is fond of cards, but since he has been elected he has been playing on account of limited means. A wife doesn't pass at the box-office in exchange for a ticket.

SOME of the abruptly removed country postmasters are kicking. That is, they try to kick their successors through the door when they present themselves and demand possession of the office. This at least is entitled to, and if he is to be expelled it should have been done long ago. Unfortunately Mr. Bradlaugh has placed himself in the unenviable position of a Postmaster General.

THE House of Commons as soon as it assembles. The election of Speaker precedes the seating of members, and Mr. Bradlaugh will be able to take part in the proceedings. The Speaker, after he has been elected, and has received the royal approval, takes the oath and is immediately followed by the members of the House. Mr. Bradlaugh's idea is that if he can get up in the first group of members he can take the oath without objection, because four members—a quorum of the House—have not been sworn. What course the Speaker will take it is impossible to say, but even if Mr. Bradlaugh gets sworn he will not sit for many days. The election of Speaker is a combination of votes and personalities. A combination of votes and personalities is the only way to get him on the ground that he is incapable of taking an oath.

STAIN is in the condition of a patient who has just undergone a dangerous surgical operation. The worst is over, but there are yet three great "ifs" in the road to recovery; if the patient bears the strain; if inflammation does not set in; if mortification is conspicuous by its absence the patient will recover. By acts and words Spain has shown her desire to give the new Regency a fair trial. Marie Christina possesses both energy and firmness, and she has shown these qualities with great self-sacrifice during the past month. If she proves equal to the emergency; if the dour and hot-headed people do not fly at her to pieces the first difficulty that Spain may yet have a time of peace and rest from the turmoil of the past, the throes of whose agonies are yet tearing her breast. It is but rarely in the history of nations that a young woman is placed in so difficult and delicate a position as Queen Christina as regent for an infant daughter, or a feeble infirmity, yet unborn, or a throne little or of necessity known yet as to her character and talents, but those who know her best have the firm conviction that she will be equal to the occasion. She will discharge the duties of her high position with honor to herself and advantage to her country.

NORTHERN ENIGMA has been treated to a magnificent display of Oriental fireworks. The spectacle was most brilliant toward the western horizon, the meteors falling in perpetual showers with pyrotechnic trails like a very fine display of pyrotechnics. The phenomenon is scientifically accounted for by the fact that since the disappearance of Biala's comet in 1882 it has been shown conclusively that meteoric bodies revolve in the same plane and observe the same periods as the planets. There is little doubt that the meteor lately viewed were connected with it, and not impossible remnants of that mysterious vanished object.

THE French Treasury has notified all whom it may concern that it refuses to accept any coupons or banknotes marked on the face or back with any stamp, number, name or indication whatever, printed or manuscript.

A STUNNING jewel robbery has occurred in Vienna, at the court of the emperor, the crown jewels, the property of the emperor, are now estimated at about \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000. The burglary continues to cause immense excitement, although now over three weeks old, no clue has been found to the perpetrators. It is a fact that the English tools having been used, it is generally conceded that the burglars must be also of British manufacture. Although Vienna is a cosmopolitan city, and a great number of foreign residents, there is a crime of very rare occurrence. The way in which houses are built and the supervision which is generally exercised by the doorkeepers render the commission of burglary exceedingly difficult, and it is very certain,

therefore, that the man who plundered Herr Granschen's shop must have had a thorough knowledge of the premises and of the proprietor's habits. They must have been expert rogues also, for they selected their booty with faultless judgment, and they actually had the coolness to remove the price tags from each article and restore it to its empty case. It is owing to this precaution on their part that Herr Granschen has been able to make a catalogue of his losses and to estimate the total so exactly.

It is not improbable that this burglary will revolutionize the habits of Viennese jewelers. The Austrian newspapers are all urging the adoption of the British-American system, which consists in keeping lights burning all night in the shop and having shutters with perforations, enabling the police to look through as they go on their rounds. The worst feature of the whole case was that three of the heaviest and most perfect safe manufacturers were out as neatly open as one could expect. This fact has utterly baffled the police, who declare that they never saw such a piece of work. The conclusion drawn by them and the newspapers, however, that the burglars must be English, because they used English tools, is altogether too premature.

A NEW French lottery is about to be organized. The French Government refused last year to give the International African Association the sum asked for the season by the latter of the Marik Kilian Valley and only paid the material value of the station, but authorized the Association to issue tickets to the amount of \$20,000,000 for a lottery in France. The lottery is to be superintended by a French committee, all risks being taken by the Association.

THE result of the English elections has shown conclusively that there is no popular reaction to the demand for disestablishment. The campaign has proved a complete failure. Many Liberal candidates have suffered—some by the loss of their seats and more by the dimming of their popularity—in consequence of the effort made by the more advanced section of their party to organize an attack on the Church. The Church of England is a part of the Constitution, and to overthrow it would be almost equivalent to overthrowing the throne. It would be almost impossible to foresee what the consequences of such a premature innovation would be. The movement, however, shows signs of bearing good fruit. Unsuccessful rebellion is not infrequently the pioneer of reform, and it has dawned upon the Church that where reform is needed now, if ever, is the time for it. Let us hope that it will be so effectual as to banish the necessity for disestablishment—for it will be time for England to weep tears of blood when her grand old Church, in whose defense so many of her noblest sons have given their lives, is hurried from her proud position into the abyss of non-protective freedom.

MISSOURI APPOINTMENTS.

The appointments made in this State have, in fact, been made by the members of Congress representing this State, who have presided over the office to this end rather than devote themselves to the business for which they were chosen. Their action has virtually closed the ears of the appointing power to even a consideration of the merits of any man not first named by the members of Congress. Authority, and no appointment has, in point of fact, been made contrary to the voice of this Congressional body. The intelligent people of this State will not be deceived by the cry of those who claim that they are appointed for the office of reward, attempt to impose upon the credulity of their readers by asserting that "there has been no syndicate," that "all the appointments are good," and that "the only objection exists among those who have been disappointed." These are the cry of the hireling and of the demagogue. What are the facts in the case? This is the only question: Does anybody in his senses suppose that Dick Lancaster, for instance, would have been appointed Surveyor of the Port at St. Louis had the matter been left to the business men of St. Louis, who ought to have been consulted? But leaving the character of the appointments out of the question, the system we have been condemning is a pernicious one, is opposed to good government, and is a source of constant trouble to the Democratic principles and free institutions. The people have a right to be heard. The federal officers are not placed provided alone for the use of the Congressmen of a given State to perpetrate themselves in office, or to divide out to their political strikers and hirelings.

George and Dick.

Letter from Senator Vest to Mexico Ledger.

The nomination of R. D. Lancaster for Surveyor of Customs at St. Louis seems to accrete the tender susceptibilities of the Intelligence.

I am held responsible for that nomination and am glad to say that I assume it. The papers on file in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury show that Lancaster was induced by the best men in St. Louis and by five times more names than are added to all other petitions in the same case by other parties. Not a charge had ever been made with even plausibility against his business integrity, and I knew him to be a man of high character and high ability. His nomination was made on the papers filed, with the endorsement in writing of Senator Cockrell, Representative O'Reilly, and myself, and the authority from Mr. Olney, who was not in Washington, to use his name if necessary. I never spoke or wrote to the President on the subject in my life, and never mentioned Mr. Lancaster's name as Secretary of the Treasury except on one occasion in answering his question as to what appointment I thought best. Senator Cockrell and myself went together to the department and filed the papers for Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Rowland with the appointment clerk, at the same time, and the appointment was made on the papers filed.

Gray of the Free Press.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The worst that can be said of the Administration of President Cleveland in Pennsylvania—and this is a great deal—is that it has made itself the instrument of the selfishness and revenge of two members of Congress. Such a thing could not have been truthfully asserted of any other Democratic Administration. From Jefferson's to Buchanan's, the Treasury, the Navy, the Post Office, the Interior and all other Departments and Bureaus of the Government, with the exception of the Department of the Interior, have been in the hands of men who were not in Washington, to use his name if necessary. I never spoke or wrote to the President on the subject in my life, and never mentioned Mr. Lancaster's name as Secretary of the Treasury except on one occasion in answering his question as to what appointment I thought best. Senator Cockrell and myself went together to the department and filed the papers for Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Rowland with the appointment clerk, at the same time, and the appointment was made on the papers filed.

spurred up, whose business it is to withstand slanders of Democrats whom their hate and dare not openly assail.

NEW OF MARK.

DION BOURCART and wife have arrived in San Francisco from Australia.

Or Jay Gould's partners, Mr. Connor is said to be worth \$3,000,000, Mr. Moorhead \$1,000,000.

JOSEPH CHASE and Joseph Caspary are commemorated in "John," the name of the new town now building in the Kansas oil field.

An admirer of ex-Senator Conkling has sent that gentleman a barrel of chewing-gum, believing it will cure his dyspepsia.

The National House of Representatives there are forty-two, twenty-seven Jameses, seven Williams, twenty-seven Georges, seventeen Thomases and ten Georges.

GEORGE BANCROFT, the historian, now, says living who ever was great.

Dr. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, who is always doing generous things, has consented to contribute to a coming entertainment in Boston in aid of a kindergarten for the blind.

PAUL F. COOPER, son of the novelist, has been appointed to complete the work begun in the New York State Library by the late Vice-Chancellor, George W. Clinton.

PAUL DE SAINT-VICTOR, the late famous critic, had a superstitious fancy that he could write well only by using an inkstand which he had purchased in Switzerland.

A MONUMENT is to be erected to Gen. James B. Steedman at Toledo, Ohio, by a wealthy brewer of that city, whom the General befriended while poor and who has no heirs.

A. J. DIXEY, the banker, has been his custom for several years, let an order with Clifton confectioner last Thursday to give every child in Upper Derby Township a pound of candy on Christmas eve.

BEFORE the tables were turned on King William of Serbia the society papers boasted that during his sojourn in France he was as thorough Parisian. Since Prince Alexander has returned, however, nothing more is heard on the subject.

MR. JOHN W. MACRAE's grandson, called the "young Prince Colonna," is to be christened in grand style at a cost of \$50, which is said to be more than the child's father receives in a year for serving as an officer in the Italian army.

A PHILADELPHIA dime museum has on exhibition a "human volcano," whose breath had such high temperature that it sets fire to a piece of paper held up before it. The fellow came from Kentucky.

THE persons who invested in the diving speculation to obtain \$100,000 worth of gold which was sunk years ago in the ship Albatross XII, off the west coast of Africa, have been rewarded by a harvest of gold from the gray sands. The divers have got up nearly all the gold, and have sent it to England.

THERE are five Senators of foreign birth. Beck is Scotch; Jones of Nevada is English; Fair, Sewell, and James of Florida are Irish. They are twenty-two Representatives of foreign birth—five from Ireland, one each from England, Scotland, Germany, Norway, Hungary; two others are of Bavarian birth.

ABOUT the only poverty in the United States Senate is the number of given names. Of the seventy-six Senators now called John, who are called James, five William, four Joseph, three Thomas, four Henry, and three Charles more than one-half of the entire body have limited to seven names.

MR. WILLIAM EDGAR MARRIAGE, the artist-engraver, is engaged upon a portrait of Confederate Gen. Lee, from a negative taken in Richmond during the war and declared to be, by Gen. G. W. Custis Lee, the only true and negative of his distinguished father in law. Considering the celebrity of Gen. Lee, it is strange that heretofore no satisfactory portrait of the Confederate leader has been published.

The village of Cavendish, Vt., has just lost its oldest character in the death of Dave Ordway, an old miller, whose peculiarities were not altogether cheerful. Years ago he had a costly coffin made for him, and he was ready he paid a clergyman \$100 to preach a funeral sermon; and laid out in his coffin, was borne amid doleful dirges down the side of the church to the foot of the pulpit, where he lay listening to his own mock obsequies. The coffin was laid in his parlor, and remained until the time for its real use came. One of a million now forms the base of a quaint monument, bearing the following inscription: "A little thing of his own: 'I am dead yet speak, for here is rest upon this milestone yet I set this noble block to let the world no what I have done.'"

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

MADAME JUDITH has been ill in San Francisco and was unable to play for several days.

MR. MARIE BOZE magnificently sang a diamond locket out of the jewel-box of the Queen at Balmoral the other day.

REMA ABROTT has several times been recently alluded to by Western papers as the only living rival of Adeline Patti. Offices are numerous in the humorous West.

SOME of the great milliners of Europe are instituting a clock test for their customers, at which they can compare the milliner concerning their choice of headgear.

HENRY HOPKINS, the talented pianist, has composed three "Fantasies Romances," two dances, four songs, a Romance for piano in a minor, besides editing and modernizing a number of dances.

A LONDON belle appeared in public recently with a muff made of a tiger's head, with all, the same ornamented with claws. This opens a vast field for labor in the zoological line.

At Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Mrs. C. A. Bryan now aged, once a belle, whom George IV. once kissed, and to whom Napoleon III. is said to have offered his heart, hand and empire.

MISS DETROIT, the young American lady who has shown in British papers as a model of talent, says the London Court Journal is in Paris, where she is assured of an equally amiable and flattering reception in the salons of the French nobility.

A FRENCH-THEATRE gained entrance to the Rev. Dr. Talma's Brooklyn home last Monday and tried on the Doctor's best winter overcoat for Mrs. Talma and her hired girl compelled him to give up his body and go empty-handed.

MISS ROSEMARY DAVENPORT-DELL, of Webster and Mrs. Westlake have been chosen members of the London School Board, and Miss Helen Taylor, who has been a member of the Board since 1870, is expected to be

